

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The courtesy of the telephone interview granted by Examiner Carrillo on July 12, 2006 is acknowledged with thanks and appreciation. The Examiner's Interview Summary mailed on July 25, 2006 is believed to be essentially correct.

By the present amendment, claims 4, 8, 26 and 27 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they depended with the exception of claim 2 and claims 1-3, 9-25 and 28-68 have been cancelled without prejudice for filing a divisional patent application for the claims that are subject to a final restriction requirement. In addition, claim 8 has been amended to clarify that the exothermic phase change is from one solid phase to another solid phase. The Examiner's rejection of claim 8 was based on the interpretation of claim 8 as including a phase change from a solid to a liquid, which the Examiner believed was disclosed in the Pironi et al. '741 reference. The Examiner has acknowledged that the Pironi et al. '741 reference does not disclose an exothermic reaction from a phase change from a solid to a solid.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 4-7, 26 and 27 would be allowable if rewritten to incorporate the limitations of all of the claims from which they depended. These rewritten claims have not included the limitations of claim 2 because it is believed that the limitations of claim 2 are not necessary for allowance of the claims and may introduce some element of uncertainty in view of the Examiner's rejection of that claim under 35 U.S.C. § 112. To the extent necessary, some of the limitations of claim 2 have been incorporated into claims 26 and 27. It is believed that these claims are allowable.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 2-8 and 11-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By the present amendment, claim 2 has been cancelled and the subject matter has not been introduced in the remaining claims except as necessary. It is believed that the objectionable matter identified by the examiner has been eliminated from the subject matter of the remaining

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claims. In addition, claims 11-19 have been cancelled. Thus, it is believe that all claims are free from informalities raised by the Examiner in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, it is submitted that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Early notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

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